

characters *lack* the something which the dominant possesses, makes the conception of these phenomena much clearer to the student.

On page 109, the author shows a figure which could well have been omitted. It purports to show a human gynandromorph, and is a character from a film, "by courtesy of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Corporation." The photo shows nothing except a woman very obviously made up, and has no place in any volume which pretends to be a scientific work. To a critical layman, the inclusion of such a worthless illustration would at once cast doubt on the bona fides of the whole book and is therefore most unfortunate.

Professor Fasten's account of eugenics is clear and puts the case well. It is perhaps a pity that he has not devoted more space to the inheritance of good characteristics in human beings. While deleterious characters are dealt with at some length, such interesting pedigrees as those of the Darwin and Bach families are dismissed in a few lines. Eugenics to many people merely means the control of mental deficiency; this attitude is fostered by the disproportionate amount of space allotted to the inheritance of good and bad characters in some eugenic literature.

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MARRIAGE

Barry, F. R., Canon of Westminster.

Mullins, Claud, Metropolitan Magistrate, and **White, Douglas, M.D.** *Right Marriage.* Student Christian Movement Press. Pp. 29. Price 6d.

Hough, Rev. N. S., A.K.C. *Letters on Marriage.* Skeffington & Son. Pp. 94. Price 2s.

Mullins, Claud. *Wife and Husband in the Courts.* George Allen & Unwin. Pp. 128. Price 3s. 6d.

Cox, Dr. Gladys M., M.B., B.S. *Youth, Sex and Life.* C. Arthur Pearson. Pp. 229. Price 3s. 6d.

Right Marriage is an admirable and concise

symposium from Church, Bench and Medicine. It should be welcomed by all who hope to make their marriage enduring and sacred. Moreover it is a satisfactory omen for the future of eugenics when religious-minded people, at least in the Church of England, maintain that birth-control and sterilization of the unfit are not only permissible, but that thanks to such means "the flouting of God's will by the birth of defective children is rendered impossible."

Letters on Marriage, between a clergyman and his niece, discuss whether the latter should be married in church or in a registry office. This leads to further discussion on divorce, etc., and proves that the uncle holds very reasonable views on birth-control and sex education. His letters should be a helpful introduction to many, and especially to those who like breeziness in the Church. There is also a useful bibliography.

Wife and Husband in the Courts is a clear exposition of present legal methods and possible improvements; and proves once more Mr. Mullins's deep sympathy with suffering humanity. The book is not concerned with eugenics, but it stresses that "the welfare of the children is the principal consideration," and welcomes the help and advice of the medical man, especially in the field of psychology and in cases of sexual maladjustment.

Youth, Sex and Life, by Dr. Gladys Cox, is a much more comprehensive work, as the title implies, and is written in straightforward and simple language both for young people of both sexes and for parents. Its value would be enhanced by a good bibliography and index, but the matter is well set out, under clear headings. It ranges over a great variety of subjects and is illustrated by excellent diagrams. We particularly welcome the pages on heredity and eugenics, which are lucid and convincing and should dispel many popular misconceptions.

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